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From left to right, Heather Todd and Adrienne Angle, wait for the race to start at the Nike 26.2 marathon in San Francisco.

TRAINING FOR LIFE: Part 3 of 3

Crossing the finish line

Christina Joslin
MUSTANG DAILY

The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team In Training is a local endurance sports training program that provides volunteers with a coach and teammates.

Since the day TNT began, the program has raised more than \$500 million to help research a cure for leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma.

A few months ago, Heather Todd and her friend Adrienne Angle chose to join TNT and recently ran The Nike 26.2 marathon.

Todd, now at Cuesta College but previously a material engineering junior at Cal Poly, decided last May to join TNT.

After months of training, Todd finished the Nike 26.2 marathon in San Francisco Oct. 24 with a time of seven hours and 12 minutes.

Todd and Adrienne Angle, a Cal Poly alumna with a degree in kinesiology, ran the marathon together.

"The realization that I could overcome my physical pain and problems with mental toughness to complete a 26.2-mile race was one of the greatest accomplishments of my life," Todd said.

On Oct. 23, the TNT members got together at a Hilton Hotel and had their spaghetti lunch and pasta party.

"At the lunch, there were a bunch of guest speakers who elaborated about their stories surviving through cancer and through running a marathon," Todd said. "And some of

the coaches gave us last minute tips."

Todd was surprised by the number of participants.

"At the race, there were about 3,000 volunteers," Todd said.

"Overall, we took up at least 10 different hotels in San Francisco and were about one third of the total athletes competing."

The race started at 5:30 a.m., and for the first four miles, Todd and Angle walked.

"The beginning was difficult because the track was all up hill and it was freezing cold," Todd said. "We wanted to relax a little before we actually started running for the next couple of hours."

Along the side of the road, there were signs that gave 26.2 reasons to run a marathon including: having bragging rights, because I love a new

BY THE NUMBERS

One-fourth
Cancer accounts for nearly one-fourth of deaths in the United States

563,700
There will be an estimated 563,700 deaths caused by cancer in 2004

1.37M
It is estimated that 1.37 million new cases of cancer will be diagnosed in 2004

32 percent
Lung cancer is the most common fatal cancer in men, accounting for 32 percent of all cancer related deaths

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Summer quarter will offer full course schedule

Cal Poly is receiving \$3 million as part of an agreement reached between the CSU system and the governor's office

Louise Dolby
MUSTANG DAILY

Students have the chance to take a full course load during the upcoming summer quarter.

Last year there were very few classes offered during summer quarter due to budget cuts, but thanks to new state funding agreements between the California State University system and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a full summer class schedule will be offered in June.

"Summer quarter is back," Executive Vice Provost Linda Dalton said. "This is a big turnaround from summer 2004, when state budget reductions severely limited class offerings. We are really excited to get summer back for students."

The new Governor's Compact with the California State University and

University of California systems granted almost \$3 million to Cal Poly to cover all expenses including improving the library and janitorial services. Half of the grant will go to direct instruction for the summer quarter so more teachers can be hired to teach

the classes being offered.

The funding will increase enrollment growth by 2.5 percent over the next several years to keep the fall, winter and spring quarters stable and help rebuild the summer quarter. Each of

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FILE PHOTO

An agreement between the CSU system and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will allow for a full summer session. The UU will be filled with students studying over the summer.

Mardi Gras task force established

Flyers, door hangers, radio and television announcements will be used to decrease the celebrating in San Luis Obispo

Tawny Grace
MUSTANG DAILY

Due to last year's Mardi Gras celebration, Cal Poly is establishing a Mardi Gras Campus Task Force to stop the Mardi Gras celebration on Feb. 3. The force plans to encourage students to act responsibly during Mardi Gras.

"We want it to be like any other weekend," said Jean DeCosta, dean of students and the chair of the task force. "The city of San Luis Obispo does not want to be the Mardi Gras of the West."

Cal Poly is working in collaboration with city officials, Cuesta and ASI to exterminate the party scene around Mardi Gras, DeCosta said. The task force wants to start getting the message out now for students to be safe and smart and to tell out of town friends to stay home for Mardi Gras. The task force will also encourage businesses like bars to downplay the weekend.

"We want to inform students to be responsible citizens and to see them-

selves as a campus community and a city community," DeCosta said.

The community and city have made a messaging campaign that includes door hangers, flyers, radio and television announcements. The message expresses a wish for a safe Mardi Gras, DeCosta said.

The task force includes students and staff from Cal Poly's Associated

Students Inc., the student housing department, the University Police Department and Student Health Advocates.

The city already canceled the Mardi Gras parade and plans to enforce strict laws and triple-fine zones to stop the celebration, DeCosta said.

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MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

According to the San Luis Obispo Police Department, there were more than 200 arrests during last year's Mardi Gras.

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Women's hoops weekend preview

Mustangs coming off big wins last week
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Wine guide for the novice connoisseur

From types of wine to what goes with what
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WEATHER REPORT

TODAY	
Sunny	62°
FRIDAY	
Sunny	63°

Surf forecast

Height: 2-3 ft.
Direction: WNW
Sunrise 6:53 a.m.
Sunset 4:50 p.m.

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the seven colleges is planning to offer classes this summer so students can take major and general education courses.

"I'm way stoked about this because it gives us the opportunity to get some classes out of the way," recreation administration senior Colin Murphy said.

The typical 10-week session will be offered in addition to two sessions

of five-week classes at the beginning and end of summer. Cal Poly will also reinstate admissions so transfer students and freshmen can start taking classes in the summer.

"We voluntarily cut last summer way back because we thought the fall, winter and spring quarters were more important," Dalton said. "The Compact is giving us money back to re-establish the summer quarter so it will be more like summer 2003. We were cut more than we are getting back, so it will take a couple years to rebuild but at least we can look ahead

more than one year."

Dalton estimated that approximately 4,000 students would be able to take classes. The addition of a full summer schedule will allow students to take more classes and possibly graduate sooner.

Students can begin planning their 2005 course schedule before the winter holiday break by looking at preliminary course lists on Cal Poly's Academic Programs Web site at <http://www.academicprograms.calpoly.edu/academicprograms/Summer/index.html>.

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challenge and to get fresh air.

"The signs were great motivation to keep the two of us running to see what the next one would be," Todd said.

At mile 18, Todd's knees ached, but she continued to strive toward the finish line. Runner's knee has been a constant source of pain for Todd in the past. She sprained her LCL and had

arthroscopic surgery on her right knee.

"I was determined to finish," Todd said. "I had to look past the pain and think about all the young children who have gone through so much more with chemotherapy and spinal taps."

Toward the end, the support of the onlookers was her sole reason for pushing herself across the finish line.

Todd was able to find the time to train for the marathon and raise \$2,700

for the Society.

"I sent out over 100 fund-raising letters to family and friends explaining my reasoning for training and the amount of money I needed to raise to reach my goal," Todd said. "And I was surprised to find out how many people were willing to donate their money for such a good cause."

In the Nike 26.2 marathon the TNT volunteers raised over \$10 million to help with research to finding a cure.

Task Force

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"It will double the city's task force and triple fines for anything and everything," DeCosta said. "There were over 200 arrests last year, and we want there to be no arrests this year."

If the San Luis Obispo City Council passes the proposed municipal law for triple-fine zones, the zones will encompass the entire city.

The students feel discriminated

against if only certain areas of the city have triple-fine zones, but the community does not want police to push the zones into other neighborhoods.

"Your student government and neighborhood groups have gotten together and actually said that they don't want a specific geographic location," said Rob Bryn, public information officer and neighborhood services manager for the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

The zones will affect anyone cited for public urination, party calls, drink-

ing in public and other activities that break municipal laws. State laws like drunk in public and drinking and driving are not covered under the triple-fine zones.

Students plan to go knocking door-to-door to inform other students about the message for this year's Mardi Gras.

"I think we have good, bright students here," DeCosta said. "But, it is easy to get caught up in the crowd mentality and do things you normally would not have done."

U.S. force in Iraq to rise to biggest of war

Robert Burns
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The United States is expanding its military force in Iraq to the highest level of the war, even higher than during the initial invasion in March 2003, in order to bolster security in advance of next month's national elections in January.

The 12,000-troop increase is to last only until March, but it says much about the strength and resiliency of an insurgency that U.S. military planners did not foresee when Baghdad was toppled in April 2003.

Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, deputy operations director of the Joint Staff, told reporters Wednesday that the American force will expand from 138,000 troops today to about 150,000 by January.

The previous high for the U.S. force in Iraq was 148,000 on May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations were over and most soldiers thought the war had been won. The initial invasion force included thousands of sailors on ships in the Persian Gulf and other waters, plus tens of thousands in Kuwait and other surrounding countries.

The expansion in Iraq will be achieved by sending about 1,500 troops from the 82nd Airborne Division in Fort Bragg, N.C., this month and by extending the combat

tours of about 10,400 troops already in Iraq.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld approved the moves Wednesday, according to a Pentagon statement.

"They are the most experienced and best-qualified forces to sustain the momentum of post-Fallujah operations and to provide for additional security for the upcoming elections," the statement said.

The Pentagon originally expected to train and equip enough Iraqi government forces to fill the security gap in the weeks leading up to the elections, but that hope was not fulfilled.

The military is reluctant to extend soldiers' combat tours because of the potential negative effect it could have on their families, and thus on their willingness to remain in the service. In this case, Gen. George Casey, the most senior U.S. commander in Iraq, decided it was necessary to keep up pressure on the insurgents while also providing security for the elections.

One unit, the 2nd Brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division, is being extended for the second time. Its soldiers originally were told they would be going home in November at the end of a 10-month assignment, but in October they got the news that they would remain until mid-January. Now they are being extended until mid-March.

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STATE NEWS

LOS ANGELES — The treasures of King Tut will go on display in this country for the first time in a quarter century in an exhibit featuring the ancient ruler's gold crown, carved dagger and a massive gold and cloisonné necklace, museum officials announced Wednesday.

"Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaoh" will include about 130 of the 5,000 Egyptian

artifacts found in King Tut's tomb.

SANTA ANA — A woman injured in a Disneyland roller coaster accident last year has sued The Walt Disney Co.

Christina Alvarado of Burbank said she suffered back injuries in the accident that killed a 22-year-old man and injured nine others.

Her lawsuit alleges the entertainment giant has been negligent and continues to engage in conduct unsafe for the public. She also

claims the design of the roller coaster, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, is defective.

A message left Wednesday with Disneyland's press office was not immediately returned. Disney has denied there are any broad maintenance problems with the ride.

SAN FRANCISCO — Hundreds of people gathered in Golden Gate Park Wednesday to mark World AIDS Day, paying tribute to the tens of thousands of

Americans who have perished from the disease over the past 24 years.

With the theme, "The Importance of Remembering," the 11th annual event was held under a tent in the National AIDS Memorial Grove, a seven-acre basin designated by Congress as a national memorial site in 1996. The event featured prayer, musical performances and speakers, including Mayor Gavin Newsom, and actress Judith Light.

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

LONDON — A porcelain urinal is the most influential work of modern art, according to a survey released Wednesday.

The poll of 500 arts figures ranked French surrealist Marcel Duchamp's 1917 piece "Fountain" — an ordinary white, porcelain urinal — more influential than Andy Warhol's screen prints of Marilyn Monroe and "Guernica," Picasso's depiction of the devastation of war.

The survey was conducted by Gordon's Gin, which sponsors Britain's leading art prize.

OSLO, Norway — November in Norway is full of hazards. Ice-slicked streets, moose on the roads and fierce cold. So when a woman turned up with a cut on her finger at an emergency room in Oslo, doctors were surprised to learn that the cause was a piranha, as in the nasty, brutish fish found in South America that has a fabled reputation for stripping cows down to the bone in a feeding frenzy.

But Helle Hogner wasn't in South America. Instead, she was bitten while at work at Oslo's Reptile Park, showing visitors how to feed the fish.

"One of the piranhas jumped into the air and snapped at one of my fingers and the blood just spurled," she told the Telemarksavisen, a northern Norway newspaper.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

NEW YORK — After bringing viewers the news for nearly 23 years, NBC anchor Tom Brokaw signed off Wednesday expressing gratitude for what he got in return.

"Thanks for all that I have learned from you," he said at the end of his final "Nightly News" broadcast, his voice wavering just a bit. "That's been my richest reward."

Brokaw reminded his audience

how "we've been through a lot together, through dark days and nights, and seasons of hope and joy."

"Whatever the story, I had only one objective: to get it right," he said, adding he was "always mindful that your patience and attention didn't come with a lifetime warranty."

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration asked the Supreme Court on Wednesday to stop a New Mexico church from using hallucinogenic tea while the gov-

ernment appeals a decision that backed the church.

The government has been in a long-running legal fight with the Brazil-based O Centro Espirita Beneficiente Uniao do Vegetal over hoasca tea, brewed from plants found in the Amazon River Basin.

The church won a preliminary injunction in a lower court, and justices were asked to intervene.

HUNTSVILLE, Texas — Gov. Rick Perry blocked the execution

of a woman two hours before she was to go to her death Wednesday so that her lawyers can conduct new tests on evidence in the 17-year-old murder case.

Frances Newton, 39, was convicted of killing her husband and two young children. She would have been the first black woman and the fourth female put to death in Texas since the Civil War. She denied any involvement in the slayings.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

KIEV, Ukraine — Ukraine's opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko signed a deal Wednesday that obliged his supporters to lift their siege of government buildings, but he said his followers will stay on the streets until an agreement is reached on a new vote for the country's presidency. Yushchenko held face-to-face talks with Prime Minister Viktor

Yanukovich — his rival for the presidency — hours after the opposition showed its strength by bringing down Yanukovich's government with a no-confidence in parliament.

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia — President Bush asked Canadians on Wednesday to move beyond their deep opposition to the Iraq war and get behind his vision of democracies blooming from Baghdad to the West Bank.

"Sometimes even the closest of friends disagree, and two years ago we disagreed about the course of action in Iraq," Bush said, standing at the side of Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

TIJUANA, Mexico — Jorge Hank Rhon, a flamboyant and controversial multimillionaire, started his three-year term Wednesday as Tijuana's new mayor, pledging to weed out corrupt police and clean up the city.

"Tijuana is full of hardworking people, and I want to give them all a chance to work toward progress," he told The Associated Press.

Hank Rhon's surprise victory on Aug. 1 returned the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, to power in Tijuana, a city the party lost to President Vicente Fox's National Action Party in 1989. The PRI lost the presidency to Fox in 2000 after 71 years in power.

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HIV infection rates in U.S. near one million mark

Daniel Yee
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — Nearly a million Americans now have the AIDS virus and the nation's ability to keep others from becoming infected still lags despite a government pledge four years ago to "break the back" of the AIDS epidemic by 2005.

The campaign, launched by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in February 2001, intended to cut in half the estimated 40,000 new HIV infections that have occurred every year since the 1990s.

However, the rate of new cases remains about the same, according to CDC data released Wednesday as part of the federal health agency's commemoration of World AIDS Day.

"We have a ways to go before we reach the mark of reducing new infections by half in the United States," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri, the director of the CDC HIV and AIDS prevention program. He called the country's HIV infection rate "relatively stable."

"Clearly we want to continue, and are continuing, to fund programs to reach out to people who are high-risk and are not infected," he added.

In 2001, the CDC's campaign focused on outwardly healthy people who did not realize they had HIV — about one-fourth of those infected. Officials then said targeting them was key, because if they knew they were

infected, they would be more likely to take steps not to spread the virus.

Such an effort "could possibly break the back of the epidemic in the United States," the CDC's Dr. Robert Janssen said then.

But the agency found that just targeting people who didn't know they had the AIDS virus was not enough. So last year, the CDC shifted gears, focusing on counseling those who knew they had HIV in an attempt to convince them not to spread the virus.

Yet some advocacy groups say that effort fails to focus on drug users, or very sexually active young men, which advocacy groups say is key in preventing new infections.

"It just doesn't seem like much is really happening," said Terje Anderson, executive director of the Washington-based National Association of People Living With AIDS. "There just is a lack of imagination or spark in terms of the kinds of programs they support. I think they are politically afraid."

The CDC believes up to 950,000 people in the United States are infected with HIV and up to 280,000 of them don't know it, Valdiserri said.

The rate of HIV diagnoses in the United States increased slightly — by 1 percent — between 2000 and 2003, from 19.5 people per 100,000 population to 19.7 per 100,000 in the 32 states surveyed by the CDC.

U. Arizona students protest lack of worldwide AIDS education

Kylee Dawson
ARIZONA DAILY WILDCAT

TUCSON, Ariz. — Vital funding for the Global AIDS Fund will not meet its expected goal due to budget constraints of other countries that could not match the \$550 million the United States pledged.

University of Arizona students from the Student Global AIDS Campaign are upset with Rep. Jim Kolbe, R-Ariz., for not delivering the full amount after he promised to secure the funds.

The Global AIDS Fund, an organization that also helps fight tuberculosis and malaria, supports programs to combat AIDS in 128 countries.

But 15 nations in Africa, Asia and the Caribbean that are among the world's most seriously affected nations are the focus of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief.

Six students staged a protest Tuesday because they thought that, of the \$550 million pledged — \$400 million of which Kolbe personally helped acquire from Congress — \$150 million would be

conceded for budget caps, said Lauren Giesecke, a molecular and cellular biology senior and member of SGAC.

According to Rob Blair, an AIDS subcommittee aide to Kolbe, the U.S. Legislature had to hold back \$88 million because other countries did not match the funds they'd committed.

Italy tried but failed to allot \$120 million to the Global AIDS Fund

ed HIV and AIDS programs and recommended \$2.9 million for 2005, the largest amount ever appropriated to fight AIDS, Blair said.

"We've never appropriated this much money before," Blair said. "(The students) need to redirect their criticism."

Giesecke said PEPFAR does good work, but the members of SGAC want equal funding and treatment for all 128 countries.

With posters and maps distinguishing all countries in need of AIDS funding, six SGAC students held a protest in front of Kolbe's office before walking into his office Tuesday afternoon.

They gave the posters to Pam Harrington, Kolbe's scheduler, and told her they wanted Kolbe to request more funding for an additional \$330 million from Congress for the winter session emergency supplemental.

"We're happy to meet with them and take their information and I can be sure that it will be passed on to Congressman Kolbe," Harrison said.

"We need to have every country committed to it. It's a global problem...and we need global help to get it resolved."

— ROB BLAIR
AIDS subcommittee aide

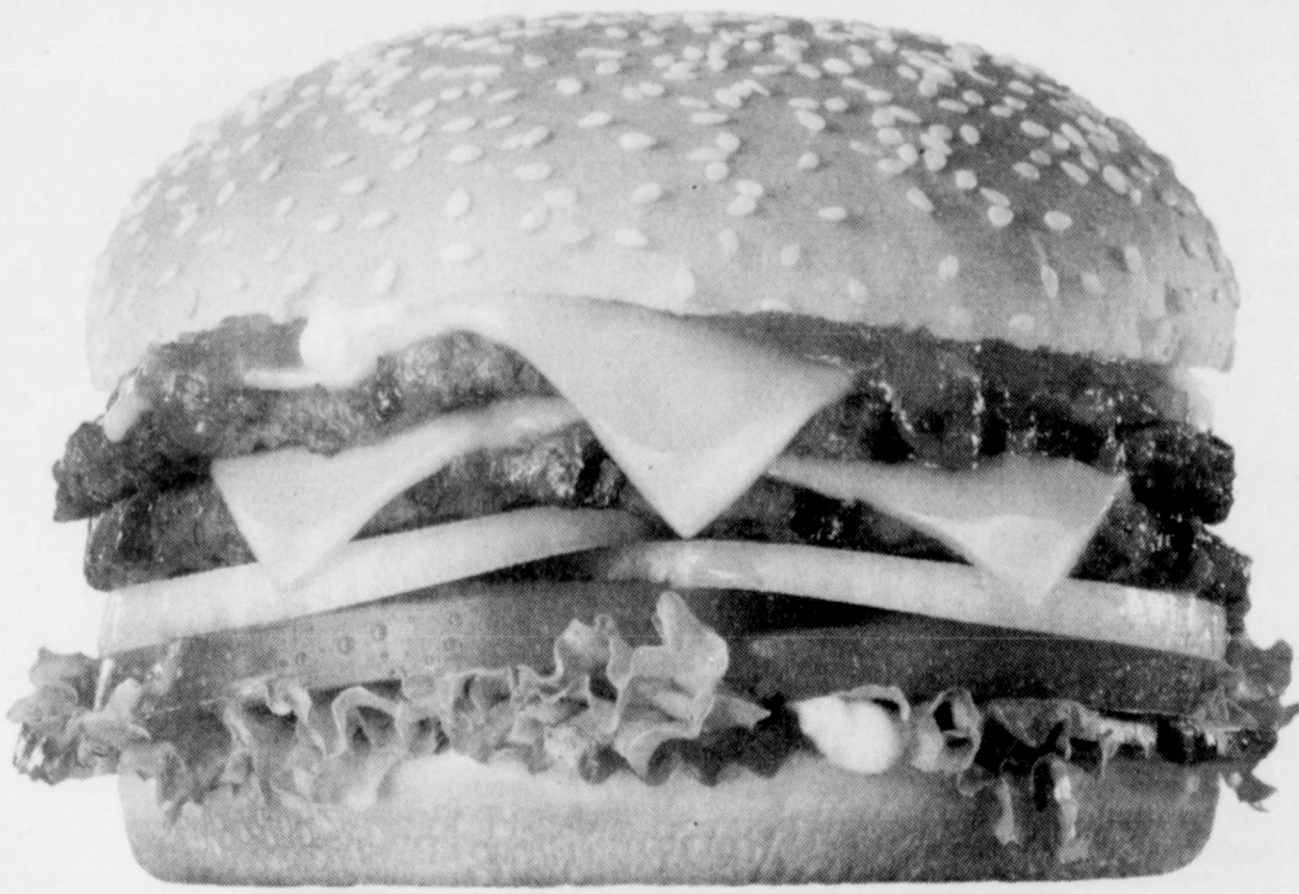
while wealthier countries, including Japan and Australia, did not contribute money at all.

"We need to have every country committed to it. It's a global problem, it's a global crisis and we need global help to get it resolved," Blair said.

As the chairman of the foreign operations appropriations subcommittee, Kolbe has strongly advocat-

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University of Oklahoma bans alcohol at fraternities, residence halls

Julie E. Bisbee
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORMAN, Okla. — Drinking will be banned at University of Oklahoma fraternities and residence halls under new policies announced Wednesday, two months after a 19-year-old student died of alcohol poi-

soning.

University of Oklahoma President Dan Boren said the rules will go into effect Jan. 18 at the start of the new semester. Three violations will end in a student's suspension for one semester.

The university also will set up a hot line for students to report viola-

tions, and will expand alcohol education programs.

Drinking is already prohibited at sororities.

Boren will present the policies to the Board of Regents Monday for approval. Regents have been involved in creating the plan and support it.

"These policies send a strong signal that alcohol abuse will not be tolerated at the University of Oklahoma," Boren said.

Student Blake Hammontree died Sept. 30 after a Sigma Chi fraternity party. He had a blood-alcohol content more than five times the legal limit. The fraternity has since been

shut down.

Police are still investigating the death and several fraternity members have been subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury. One student, a sophomore, has been charged with furnishing alcohol to another minor at the party.

"The investigation continues and other charges are anticipated," said Cleveland County District Attorney Tim Kuykendall.

Similar recent incidents have been reported at campuses, including Colorado State, where student Samantha Spady had consumed as many as 40 drinks when she was found dead at a fraternity house in September.

Also this fall, Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr. died after he was taken to the mountains near the University of Colorado with fellow Chi Psi fraternity pledges and told not to leave until several bottles of whiskey were finished. Bradley Kemp of the University of Arkansas died after downing a dozen beers and, friends said, possibly drugs.

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Dear Fellow Students,

We are approaching the light at the end of the tunnel as the fall quarter is almost complete. During the constant rush of the quarter system I would like to take a step back and thank you for allowing me to serve you. You are an incredibly active, driven, and amiable student body and your character never ceases to teach me new things. After four years I've learned how true it is that much of our learning comes outside of the classroom.

This is truly a year of change as new campus technology changes the way we communicate with fellow students, registration and scheduling improvements will ensure ease towards graduation, and buildings are erected that strive to satisfy an increasingly impacted campus. As the university gears up for rapid expansion of classrooms, apartment complexes, and new infrastructure, students have a unique opportunity to voice how the next generation of students experience college.

Regardless of all these campus changes Cal Poly will always remain a large part of the San Luis Obispo community. From the beaches, to the mountains, to the quaint San Luis Obispo downtown, we all enjoy what this community has to offer us. This community provides so many opportunities for students and we should in turn strive to be good neighbors and responsible citizens.

As students we are constantly told we are the next generation of leaders and I have no doubt that after our tenure at Cal Poly we will not only have enhanced our academic abilities, but our whole person. Thank you again for the ability to serve you and I hope you have a wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

Blake Bolton

Blake Bolton
President, Associated Students Incorporated



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990 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401-3249

Dear Cal Poly Students:

First quarter 2004 certainly got off to a fast—and productive—start. On behalf of the City of San Luis Obispo, I want to extend our congratulations to you for the near-completion of fall quarter and extend a special welcome to our Cal Poly first timers.

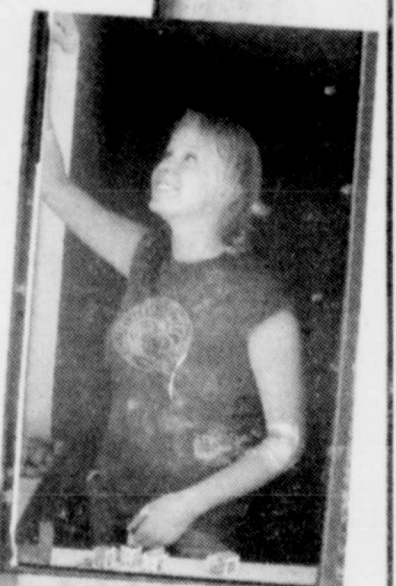
Students are an integral part of our community, and I want you to know that we recognize the important role you play in it. From your active volunteer efforts to your contribution to San Luis Obispo's businesses and government, your citizenship is valued. The special character of San Luis Obispo is likely one of the reasons you chose Cal Poly in the first place, and we appreciate your efforts to help preserve the quality of life we all enjoy.

The City of San Luis Obispo extends its appreciation to all of you and best wishes for successful finals and a happy holiday season.

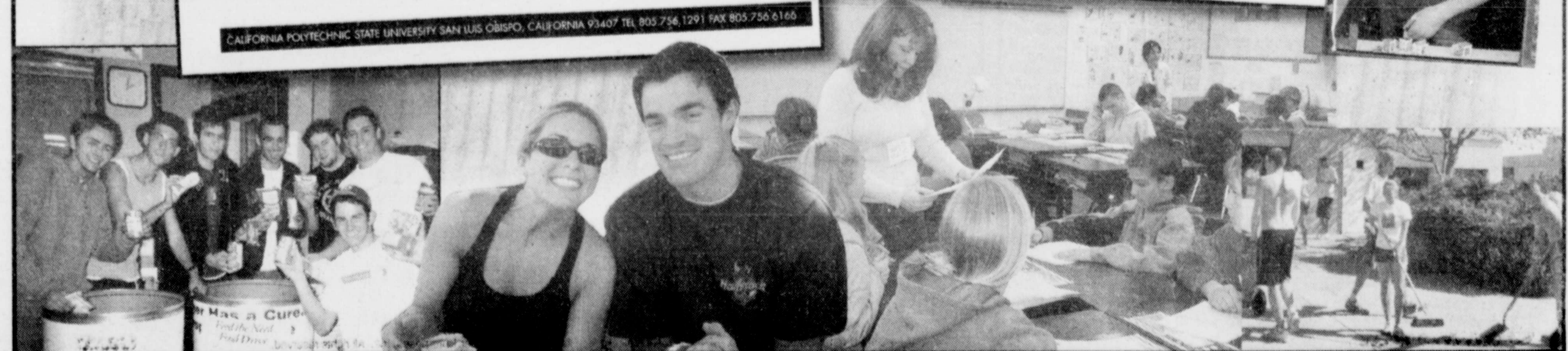
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Mayor Dave Romero
City of San Luis Obispo



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Merry Chrismukkah: Cards Combine Holidays

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Every December, Zack Rudman and his wife send out cards with winterscapes and generic holiday greetings.

Finally, though, the Kansas City lawyer found a variety that seemed to better suit a Jewish man and an Episcopal woman with two young children as familiar with the menorah as mistletoe. It screams "Merry Chrismukkah!"

Across the country, two holidays that once seemed to share little more

than a calendar page are increasingly being melded on greeting cards aimed at the country's estimated 2.5 million families with both Jewish and Christian members.

"It's representative of the way people live and the way they spend the holidays," said Elise Okrend, an owner of Raleigh, N.C.-based MixedBlessing, a card company devoted to interfaith holiday greetings. "And it's an expression of people understanding the people around them."

MixedBlessing, like other companies, has found such interfaith greeting cards have a stable market niche and a slowly growing customer base.

The company was among the first to come out with holiday cards suitable for Jewish-Christian families about 15 years ago and is still perhaps the only company to focus entirely on that market segment.

In its first year, it sold about 3,000 cards from nine different offerings. This year, Okrend projects sales of 200,000 cards off its 55-card line.

Kansas City-based Hallmark Cards Inc. says among its most popular categories of Hanukkah cards is the one that combines Jewish and Christian themes.

The company tried the idea with just one card in the mid-90s; today they have four.

"The essence of these cards is not about interfaith households as much as it is about friends and family members of different faiths acknowledging the different holi-

days that they all celebrate," said Shalanda Stanley, a product manager at Hallmark.

American Greetings Corp. has also increased its Hanukkah-Christmas line offerings since its introduction eight years ago. There are around 10 this year.

Kathy Krassner, editor of Greetings Inc., a trade magazine, said mixed-faith holiday cards are one of countless niche categories introduced by greeting card companies.

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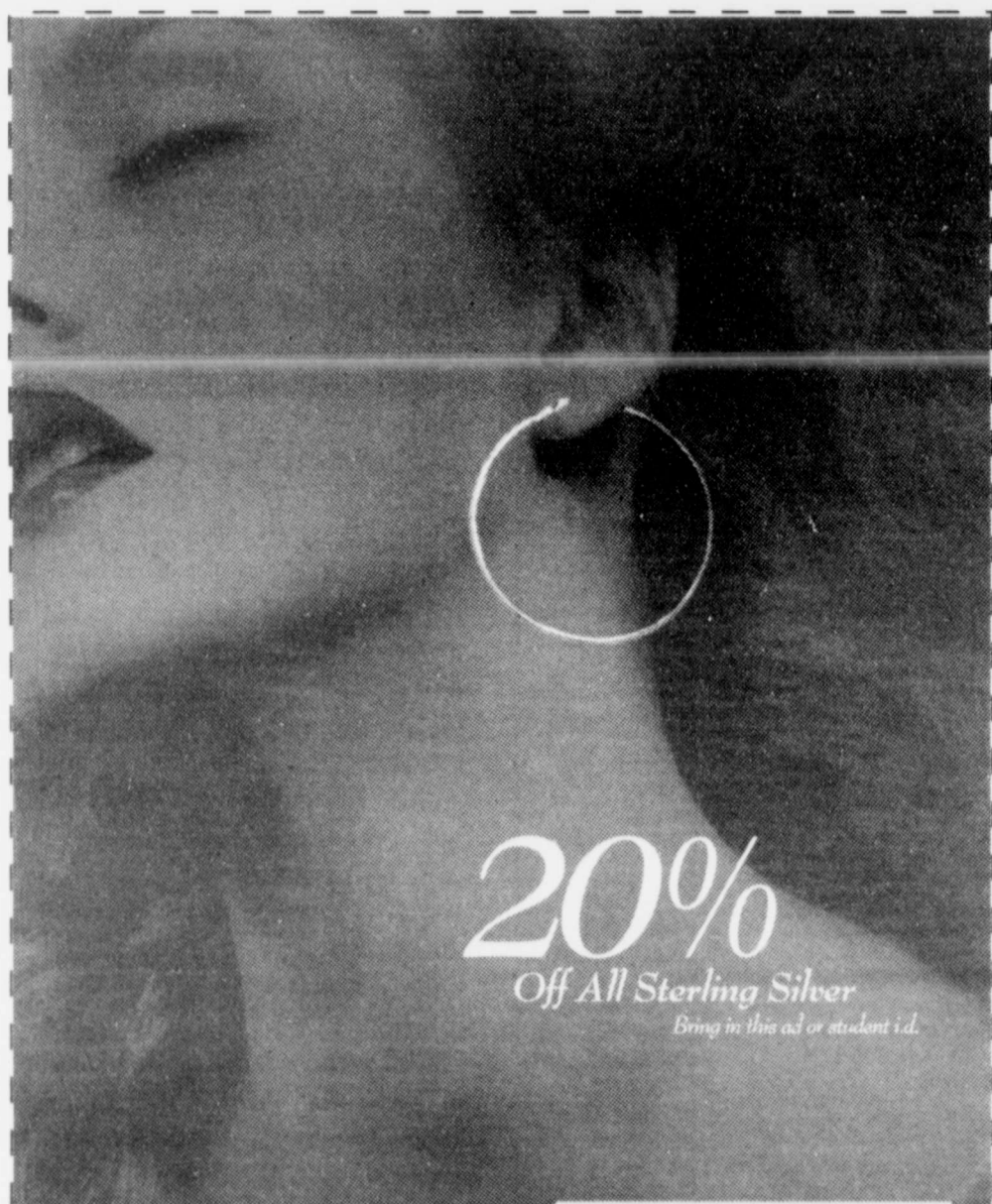
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“From two-buck Chuck to a splendid Bordeaux, the world of wine is as diverse as it is mystifying.”

Wine is different things to different college students, simple is not one of them. From two-buck Chuck to a splendid Bordeaux, the world of wine is as diverse as it is mystifying.

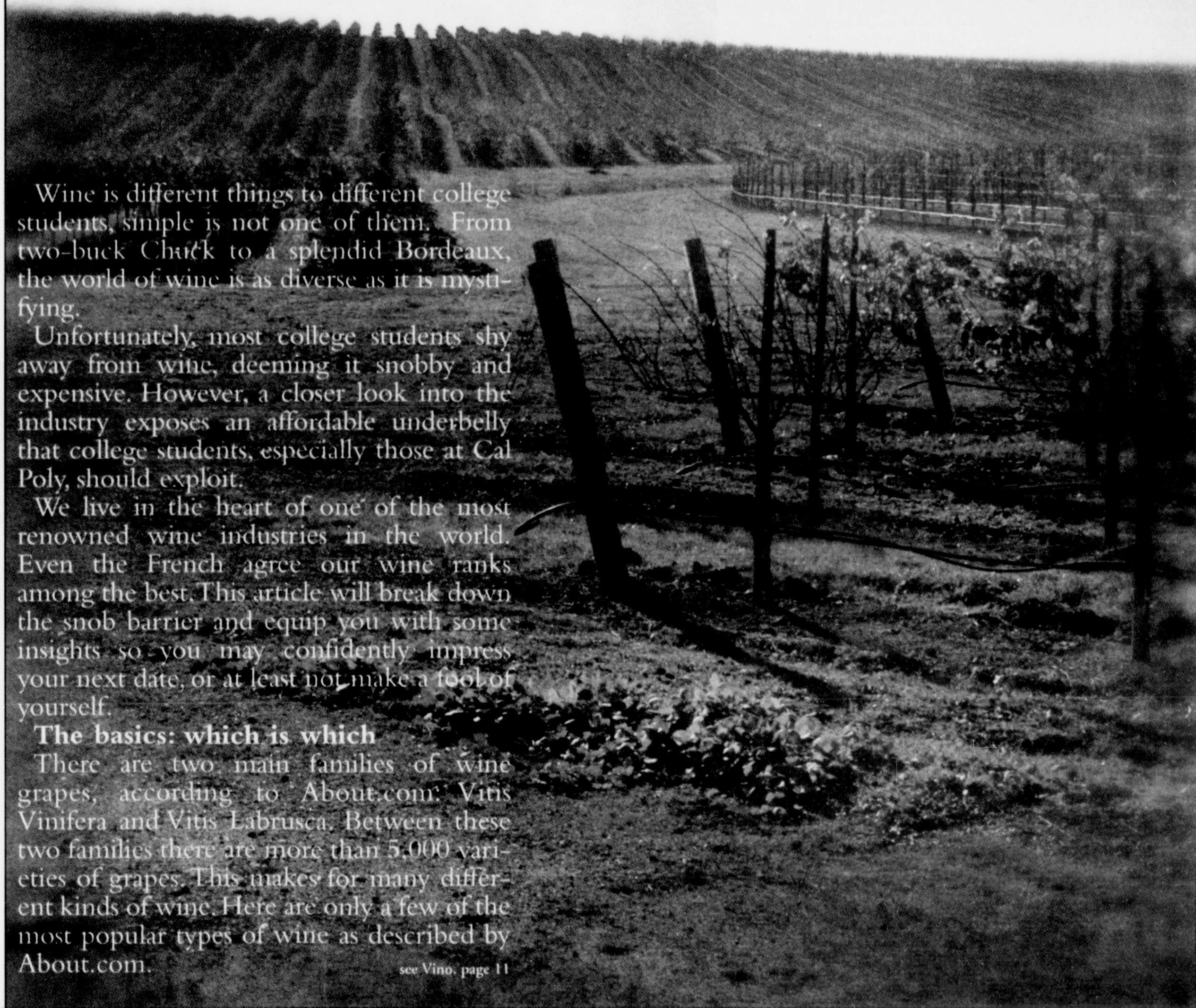
Unfortunately, most college students shy away from wine, deeming it snobby and expensive. However, a closer look into the industry exposes an affordable underbelly that college students, especially those at Cal Poly, should exploit.

We live in the heart of one of the most renowned wine industries in the world. Even the French agree our wine ranks among the best. This article will break down the snob barrier and equip you with some insights so you may confidently impress your next date, or at least not make a fool of yourself.

The basics: which is which

There are two main families of wine grapes, according to About.com: *Vitis Vinifera* and *Vitis Labrusca*. Between these two families there are more than 5,000 varieties of grapes. This makes for many different kinds of wine. Here are only a few of the most popular types of wine as described by About.com.

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Poly's 'minor Internet celebrity'

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Dan K. O'Leary: the man, the myth, the legend.

Well, that's an opinion you'll come up with for oneself, but he sure thinks he's all that and more — much, much more. Check out his Web site, same as his name, and read all about the wonders of being Dan.

"I get paid for being me," O'Leary said. "I try to get up every morning and write an article."

Yes, that's right. He writes articles about his adventures and his opinions. He also has a list of jokes, a fundraiser to give him money for nighttime fun in downtown San Luis Obispo and a date application.

"So is this guy really popular?" public policy graduate Leilanie Bruce asked, after searching his site. She was intrigued by the link titled Male Modeling and couldn't resist seeing what it held.

"You can purchase a picture of him?" Bruce asked, as her amazement continued. "Who is that full of themselves?"

Well, he is. O'Leary comes from Thousand Oaks. He is a political science senior who is on the Dean's List and also works full time for VirtualSLO. But his employee title didn't keep him from entering the site's competition titled "Poly Hotties." This contest is based on the Hot or Not site idea and is only open to Cal Poly students. He also works out at the Rec Center gym.

Evidence: his pictures show how sweating can pay off.

"I go to the gym four times a week, I might as well do something with it," he said.

He began blogging (keeping a log of thoughts) on the Internet for all to see, in spring of 2001. Last year, he started his own site and has adjusted it to be what it is today. This includes advertising space that Adult Friend Finder pays for, making his personal Web site a profitable venture.

On his site he is a self-proclaimed raging alcoholic, a professional asshole and a minor Internet celebrity. The last one may hold some truth since his site gets more than 1 million hits a year and is known by people he has yet to meet. He was even recognized by a Disneyland ride attendant while on a

date at the Happiest Place on Earth.

"I love when people call me a fascist," O'Leary said. Other ways people describe him are pig-headed, self-centered and egotistical.

The egotistical part may come from the fact that he has girls fill out applications in order to go on a date with him. The girl he is currently dating actually was an applicant whom he knew from high school. He calls the applications serious and he has a gallery of the former girls he has dated.

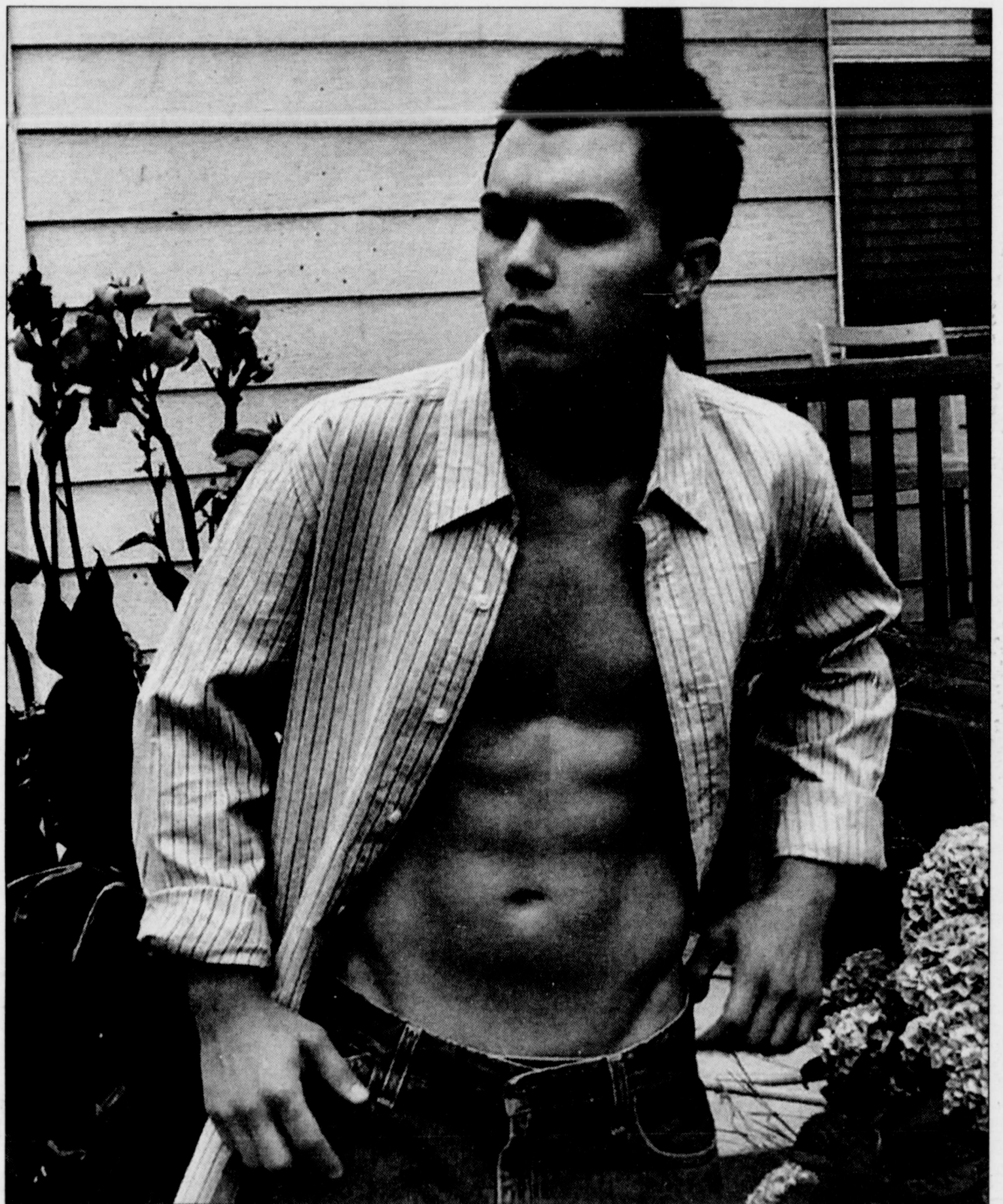
He said he is working on a book entitled "Sensitive Bastard; My experience and Guide to Dating."

"Most college guys don't know anything about it and once you know, you have an unfair advantage," he said.

What does it take to date Mr. O'Leary?

Here's a sampling from his online application:

1. Sex — Must be female — this one is non-negotiable.
2. Be sweet and tell me what you find most attractive about me.
3. What is the last good book you read?
4. What do you expect me to bring (on the date), if anything?
5. What will we drink on our date? (One of us definitely will be drinking, and chances are it will be me.)



COURTESY PHOTO

Dan K. O'Leary, a political science senior, is Cal Poly's self-proclaimed 'minor Internet celebrity' whose Web site receives more than 1 million hits a year. The Web site allows users to apply for a date or buy Dan a beer.

O'Leary claims this unfair advantage enables him to pull girls right out from other guys' noses. Of course, as he sees it, his good looks and charm don't hurt his chances either.

The title narcissus may come to

mind when viewing O'Leary's site or when talking to him in class. Although he seems to enjoy talking about himself, he said he does do a lot of good things for the world — other than looking good. But with

five date applicants a week and hits from all over the world, it's hard to see past the colorful tales and shirtless photos that give the world a glimpse into the life of Dan K. O'Leary.

Vino

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Cabernet Sauvignon: This wine has a deep, red color and can be either mild or rich in flavor. It is usually described as having blackberry overtones. Cabernets are grown all over the world since the grape adapts well to various climates.

Bordeaux: This ruby-colored wine is made from Cabernet Sauvignon grapes. It gets its name from the region in France where it was first grown. One way to distinguish a Bordeaux is by its "cigar box" aroma.

Merlot: A merlot is not as harsh as its fellow red wines because it has less tannin in it. Tannins are found in the skin of the grape. They give red wine its color and sharp taste.

Pinot Noir: This type of wine is known for being extremely hard to grow, but it seems to do well in coastal regions, such as the Central Coast. It ranges in color from cherry-red to a purple-red. Pinot Noirs can range in flavors from earthiness to strawberries.

Syrah/Shiraz: A typically dry red

wine, Syrah has a peppery, spicy blackberry flavor. Shiraz, the Australian name for Syrah, is the most widely grown grape in Australia.

Chianti: This is the wine that traditionally comes in a basket-bottle that Italian restaurants use as candleholders. Its Italian roots make this a perfect wine with hearty Italian dishes.

Chardonnay: This grape is easy to grow, so it's usually not as expensive as other wines. It can taste semi-sweet or sour, depending on the region it is from. Typical flavors include apple, melon and oak.

Sauvignon Blanc: Typically a very light, white wine, Sauvignon Blanc can be sweet or dry. This wine has been grown in California since 1879, but originated in, yep, you guessed it, France.

Champagne/Sparkling wine: Only wines from the Champagne region of France can be called Champagne. The rest are simply sparkling wines. It is important to drink a sparkling wine from a flute or a tall narrow wine glass. Otherwise, the wine will quickly lose its effervescence.

Tasting your wine

Brittney Blete is the wine tasting manager at Tolosa Winery in San Luis Obispo. She said an easy way to remember the proper way to taste wine is the five S's.

"It helps you experience the value of the wine, and appreciate the different characteristics," she said.

The first S is sight. Observe the color of your wine, does it look right? The second S is swirl. Swirling the glass opens the wine to release the aromas. Next comes sniff, take in the aromas. After that, it is time to slurp the wine. Slurping opens up the wine in your mouth, allowing you to get the full effect. And lastly, savor.

But not everyone knows proper tasting etiquette. "We'll get people who down (their wine) like a shot," Blete said. "Wine snobs go by the book, but how can you actually enjoy it that way?" Blete said.

When it comes down to it, Blete said a good wine is all about good grapes. "You can't make good wine with bad fruit," she said.

Pairing

Another bit of advice Blete

offered was to drink wine with food. "Wine and food compliment each other so well," she said.

Pairing wine with food comes with its own set of rules. In my experience, the people at Central Coast Wines on Higuera Street in downtown San Luis Obispo are the most helpful when it comes to choosing wine.

Brian Lederman is a wine and viticulture and agribusiness senior and works for Central Coast Wines. As a rule of thumb, he said seafood is best enjoyed with white wine, but Lederman warns that pairing wine with food is much more complicated than that.

He explained that it depends more on the way the food is prepared. If your dish has a cream sauce, then a buttery chardonnay would compliment the dish perfectly. Shellfish tends to have a sweet flavor to it, so a crisp Riesling is appropriate.

Furthermore, zinfandel works best with barbecued food and a roasted dish would be excellent with any type of burgundy wine. But in reality, "It's whatever you like,"

Lederman said.

Blete agrees. "Bottom line, try everything. Otherwise you don't know what you like."

Buying wine

Probably the toughest obstacle for a college student to overcome is spending \$45 for a bottle of wine. But that doesn't mean that we must subject ourselves to boxed wine.

"A lot of people think price is a factor, but that's not true," Blete said.

Lederman said that Trader Joes imports are price friendly and a good place to start. Decent bottles of wine can be purchased for as little as \$4. Also, Central Coast Wines' employees are happy to suggest some inexpensive local wines they carry in their store.

Lederman said Stolpman's Limestone Hill Cuvée is a great deal at \$15. It's a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and merlot. It is an estate wine, which means it is grown, produced and bottled in the same place. Another wine to try is the Martin Weyrich zinfandel for \$11.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Speaker fair and balanced because he is Israeli?

Why would our university invite Ilan Pappé to speak about the Palestinian-Israeli conflict? He certainly does not represent Israeli opinion. He is on the farthest left fringe of Israel's political spectrum and even said in a 1999 interview that his views have made him "one of the most hated men in Israel."

He earned that status because he opposes the existence of a Jewish state, has embraced the most extreme and irredentist Palestinian demands, is an apologist for the terrorist mass murder of Jews, peddles Palestinian propaganda under the guise of scholarship and exploits his status as an Israeli Jew to spout anti-Israel polemics.

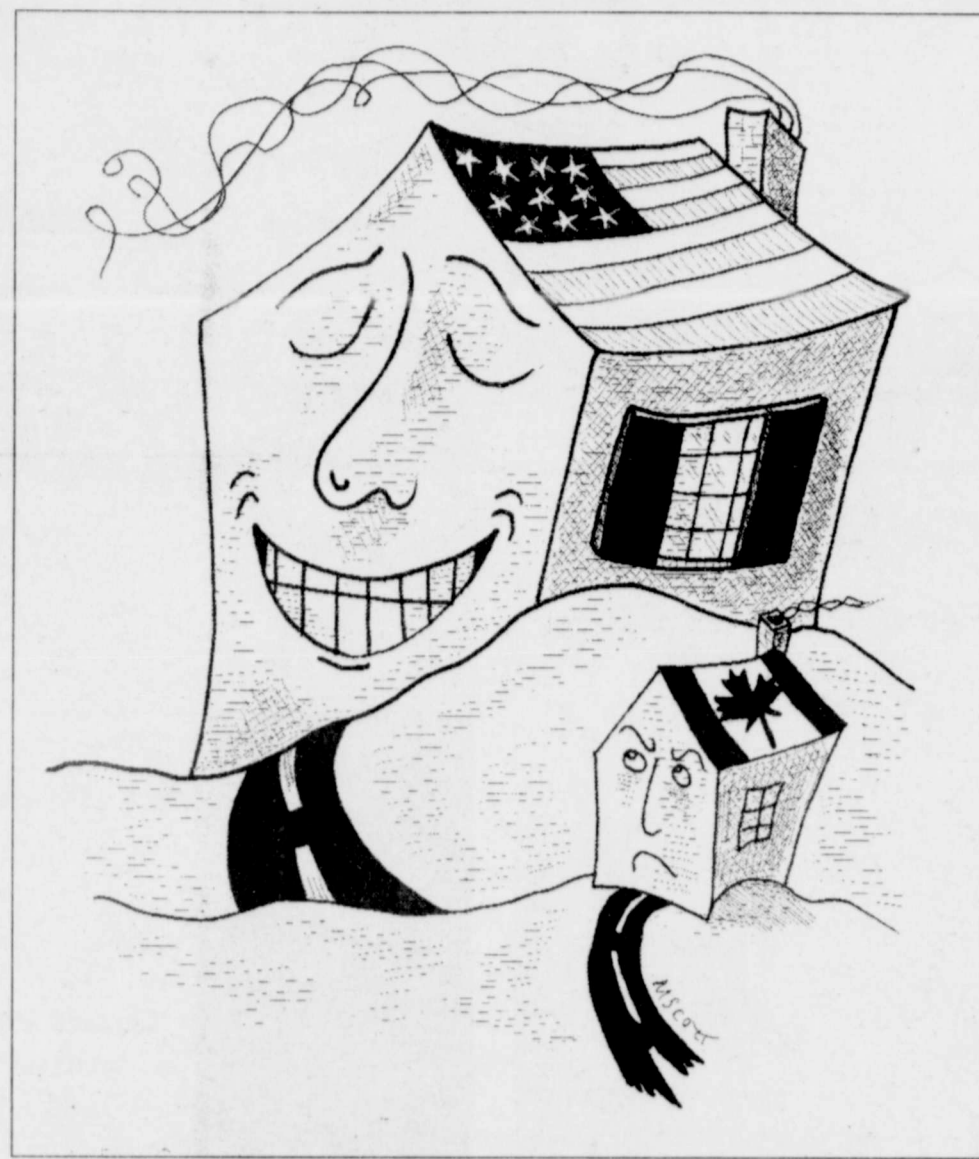
Let's hope that in the future, fringe political figures don't hoodwink our university into identifying them as representative spokesmen.

Micah Dekofsky
Business graduate

Sparking dialogue with respect not disregard

We at Counseling Services want to express our agreement with the thoughts and sentiments of Drs. Detweiler and Morton's letter regarding the "marriage" installation previously on Dexter Lawn. While we are aware that the students' intention was to create dialogue, we believe that their goal could have been achieved without the disregard for gays and lesbians the installation conveyed. For example, an installation showing a gay or lesbian marriage and the statement, "I'm okay with it — are you?" (like the T-shirts the Pride Alliance currently sells on campus) could have sparked dialogue just as well and with respect. One of the most common reasons gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students seek counseling is to heal from and come to terms with the harmful comments, attitudes and behaviors they encounter while simply being who they are.

We invite discernment, not censorship. If you want to create dialogue, ask whether your way of expressing yourself might be harmful to another. You'll know the answer if you ask the question honestly. Think of it this way: We



MARGARET SCOTT NEWSART

all have a right to freely swing our arms around, right? Except my right to swing my arms ends at your nose. We all have a right to free speech — until it starts to damage others. There are ways to freely express ourselves without damaging anyone.

We welcome the opportunity to assist with respectful free speech discussions on campus. Call 756-2511 for more information about that or about counseling services, which are available to all students.

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When two definitions of morality come into conflict

In his Nov. 19 letter, Matt Sutter claims that "the responsibility falls upon each of us to create our own morality system." This proposition is unsound. Consider: If this is the case; then morality becomes unique to each person. What happens when two definitions of morality come into conflict?

Which person's morality takes precedence? To make any moral judgment, we all need to be working from the same set of rules — there needs to be a standard definition of morality.

Let me illustrate: A man sees his neighbor's car and decides to steal it. Most of us would agree that stealing is wrong, but to the

thief, it may be a moral action. Since he defines his own morality, we have no way of knowing whether or not the decision is morally wrong. If he tells us the action is moral, we must believe him. On the other hand, the neighbor (and most people) will almost certainly say the action is immoral. Which definition of morality applies, if any? Three cases are possible: either we accept the definition of one (and only one) of the men, both definitions, or neither definition.

There is no reason to accept (arbitrarily) one definition over the other, and accepting both means the action is both right and wrong, which is meaningless.

The only option left is neither (some other) definition. We must conclude that any applicable definition of morality must be external to any particular person, and it must apply equally to all individuals.

Kyle Haughey
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COMMENTARY

Disagreement is on name of the union

With the election over, the debate on campus has turned to gay marriage and evolution. For weeks now, we have been inundated with hateful rhetoric that does little to solve either argument. We have also seen poetic attempts at humor fall flat, failing to convey any convincing points. My Christmas present to the campus is to end these debates so we can start the New Year fresh. This will help us out of the rut, and allow us to logically and reasonably debate other very important issues.

The evolution debate is one that never seems to end. Both sides claim that the other is stubborn and ignorant. But let us look for a moment at what the father of evolution had to say. Charles Darwin proposed that every aspect of living things developed entirely randomly and naturally. Darwin also admitted that if any step of his theory is found to be impossible or not random, then his entire theory is wrong.

Keep that in mind as I introduce the Law of Biogenesis. In science, a law means that the idea has been consistently observed and has never been contradicted. This incontrovertible law simply states that life has to be created from another living thing — it cannot be created randomly by non-living elements. In other words, our once lifeless planet could not have given rise to life according to well-established science. Therefore this critical piece of Darwin's puzzle, the origin of life, is proven missing and his entire theory collapses. You may not believe it was God, but the truth is that modern science cannot explain how life began on earth.

The other major dispute was sparked by a controversial campus display, and developed into a fiery debate on the subject of gay marriage. Whatever your opinion is on the subject, there are reasons why the government cannot simply recognize any loving, committed relationship as a marriage. For example, if the government allows gay people to marry, then it has to also allow a bisexual with loving, committed relationships to marry their two partners.

Three people in the same marriage would cause Mormons to challenge U.S. anti-polygamy laws. Once overturned, there would be no limit to the number of people who could be married. The point is that government would have a hard time drawing the line on that slippery slope.

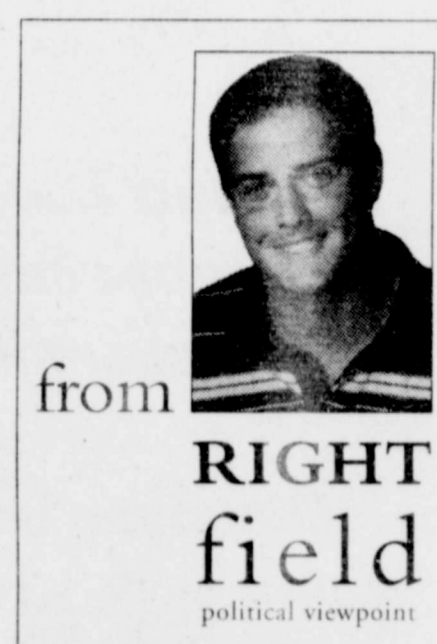
Agree or disagree, the argument is at least one possible outcome of allowing marriage for every loving, committed relationship. Marriage was originally set up to help a mother and a father provide a stable and nurturing home for their children. Besides, we can all agree that Americans have the right to participate in any kind of relationship they choose, we only disagree on the official name of that union.

I am looking forward to seeing the hate-filled attack letters end, and returning to a new year where we can intelligently debate the issues of the day. A year free from amateur poets impeding the spread of coherent arguments with ineffective poems. Where we can respectfully challenge the views of others and be open minded enough to listen to the response. This is what we will have to look forward to when we return from our much-needed Christmas Break. Happy Holidays!

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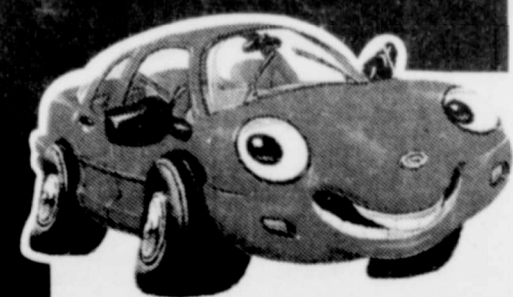
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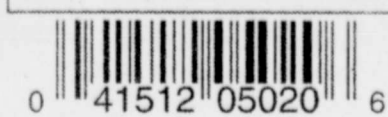
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Economy picking up, Fed says; Wall Street rising, consumers spending

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WASHINGTON — The economy is gaining momentum, bolstered by home building, shipping and even the country's beleaguered manufacturing sector, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday in a newly upbeat assessment.

Evidence of a strengthening economy showed up in other reports as well while Wall Street hailed a big drop in oil prices.

The Commerce Department said consumer spending shot up by 0.7 percent in October, the best showing since July, as Americans' incomes, the fuel for future spending, rose by 0.6 percent. The gain in incomes reflected the big increase of 337,000 payroll jobs in October, the best in seven months.

Meanwhile, the Institute for Supply Management reported that its main index for measuring industrial activity performed better than expected, rising to 57.8 in November from 56.8 in October.

Wall Street took encouragement not only from the upbeat economic reports but also from the biggest one-day drop in crude oil prices in three years. Crude oil fell by \$3.64 per barrel to settle at \$45.49, its lowest level in New York trading since Sept. 16.

Relieved investors pushed the Dow Jones industrial average up by 162.20 points, the third best one-day gain of the year. The Dow finished the day at 10,590.22, its highest close since early March.

The Federal Reserve said that reports from its 12 regions "generally paint a picture of continued economic growth" from mid-October through mid-November with improvements noted in a number of

areas.

In fact, the Fed survey said that 11 of its 12 regions reported expanding economic activity with only the Cleveland Fed district seeing little change.

The Fed's latest "Beige Book," named for the color of its cover, will be used when policy-makers meet for their last discussion of the year on Dec. 14. It is widely expected that the Fed will raise interest rates for a fifth straight time this year in an effort to make sure that the rebounding economy does not trigger unwanted inflation.

The reviving economy has been having an impact on inflation in such industries as energy, transportation and food, but the Fed said retailers are still having difficulty passing those increased costs on to consumers because of stiff competition.

The Fed survey showed rising demand for manufactured goods, encouraging news for a portion of the economy that has seen the loss of 2.7 million jobs over the past four years.

There was rising demand for chemicals, food and a variety of products used in the aerospace, agriculture, energy, construction, medical and defense industries, the report said.

The rebound in manufacturing was helping job markets, and some areas of the country were even experiencing labor shortages for such occupations as accounting, construction and skilled professionals in the energy industry.

As for consumer spending, analysts said the 0.7 percent jump after a strong 0.6 percent rise in September showed that consumers, who account for two-thirds of total economic activity, were getting a

second wind.

"Consumers were not deterred by higher oil prices and by consumer confidence numbers that keep on going lower," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

The overall economy grew at a solid 3.9 percent rate in the July-September period, and based on Wednesday's reports many analysts said that growth this quarter could be even better.

A Business Roundtable survey of executives at the nation's 130 biggest companies found them expecting continued solid growth into 2005.

"We remain confident that investment spending will drive economic growth in the coming months," said Hank McKinnell, chairman of the business group and chief executive at drug giant Pfizer Inc.

Wednesday's spending report showed that consumer spending on big-ticket durable goods such as cars, rose just 0.2 percent in October after a 1.2 percent gain in September.

The Fed survey, which covered the last half of October and early November, indicated that consumer spending may have faltered a bit in November, calling activity "uneven." Five districts — Atlanta, Kansas City, Minneapolis, Philadelphia and San Francisco, reported solid sales activity while six others — Boston, Dallas, Chicago, New York, Richmond and St. Louis — said sales were mixed to sluggish.

The Fed said that many districts found demand for premium merchandise noticeably stronger than for lower-priced lines, which the report said could indicate that higher energy prices were hurting lower-income households.

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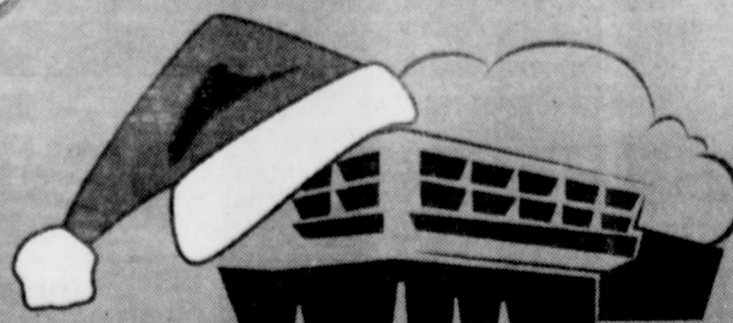
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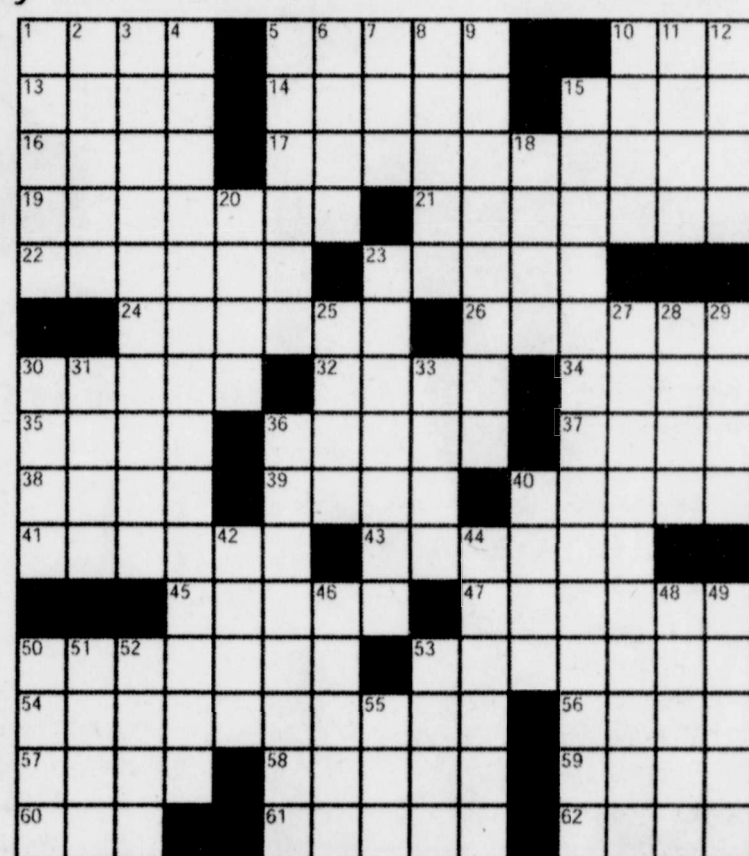
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Basketball

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Cal Poly is off to a 3-0 start for the first time since the 2000-01 team won its first five games. The Mustangs opened the 2003-04 campaign 4-1.

Sacramento State beat UC Riverside 59-58 on Nov. 21, sandwiched by losses to San Jose State 59-46 and UC Davis 58-50. Tyeisha Brown leads the Hornets in scoring with a 9.7 average while Ashley Cadotte has a 7.3 rebounding mark. The Hornets, 1-26 a year ago, are coached by Dan Muscatelli.

San Francisco has beaten Denver and William & Mary while falling to Colorado State and Oakland. Three Dons are averaging in double figures, led by Dominique Carter with a 16.8 mark. Mary Jane Krueger is scoring 11.8 points a game and also leads the Dons in rebounding with nine per game. USF is coached by Mary Hile-Nepfel and has 11 letter winners, including three starters, back from last year's 10-18 squad.

Cal Poly has plenty of speedsters

on the court, but will be short on height as the tallest players are junior Sarah Grieve and redshirt freshman Nicole Yarwasky, both 6-2.

The Mustangs earned 14 wins last season, the most since Cal Poly moved to Division I prior to the 1994-95 season. The Mustangs finished 14-14 overall and 10-8 for fourth place in the Big West.

Senior post player Katy Paterson a second-team All-Big West selection a year ago, is Cal Poly's leading scorer to date with a 9.7 average and also is the top rebounder with a 5.7 mark. Sophomore forward Jessica Eggleston is second in both departments with 8.0 scoring and 4.7 rebounding averages.

Cal Poly's defense has allowed just 53 points a game while holding foes to 37.6 percent shooting from the floor and forcing an average of 35.3 turnovers a contest.

Next week, Cal Poly breaks for finals, then will conclude its three-game homestand with a non-conference game against Loyola Marymount on Dec. 11, at 2 p.m. in Mott Gym.

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A full 40 minutes of chaos



Jennifer Dooley moves past her opponent driving to the hoop. Dooley is averaging 7.3 points per game.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

A full 40 minutes of chaos.

That's what coach Faith Mimnaugh has hoped to get out of her team on the defensive side of the court.

And more than 100 turnovers over three games later, opponents have experienced more chaos than they could handle. They've dropped one by one.

With speed and hustle, Cal Poly has opened its 2004-05 women's basketball campaign with three consecutive victories. It now returns home from a two-game road trip to Oregon and will host Sacramento State (1-2) and the University of San Francisco (2-2) this weekend.

The Mustangs host the Hornets on Friday at 7 p.m. and the Dons on Sunday at 2 p.m., both games in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly is armed with 11

returning letter winners, four starters and five players who red-shirted last season. The Mustangs won their first two road games, defeating Portland 55-51 and Portland State 66-43 last week-end. Last year, the Mustangs didn't win their first game on the road until Jan. 31 at UC Riverside, the 10th road game of the season.

But at home, Cal Poly's been nearly unbeatable.

Cal Poly has won 13 of its last 15 home games.

This season, a balanced scoring attack has translated into success.

Eleven Mustangs scored in a win over Portland on Friday and the Cal Poly defense forced 39 turnovers. Nicole Yarwasky led the way off-

sively with eight points while Heidi Wittstrom and Sparkle Anderson added seven points each. Cal Poly attempted 22 more field goals in the game and held a 30-25 halftime lead. The game was tied at 45 with 4:21 to go before the Mustangs pulled away. Anderson's two free throws sealed Portland's fate.

Anderson scored the first two baskets of the game against Portland State on Sunday and Cal Poly never looked back, leading by as many as 19 points in the first half and 27 points after the break. Katy Paterson scored 15 points and Jennifer Dooley added 10 for the Mustangs, who forced 37 Viking turnovers.

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COMMENTARY

Finally, a good turnover for women's basketball



Golden Graham

How about that women's basketball team? The Mustangs are 3-0, sporting a veteran roster and for once it seems, turnover is a good word at Cal Poly.

I remember last spring having a conversation about the women with an athletic employee. After I told him I didn't often attend games, he sympathized, bemoaning the large amount of turnovers committed on both sides at the contests. We couldn't have that conversation now, however.

On Friday, the visiting Mustangs beat Portland 55-51 and, more importantly, forced 39 turnovers. Then on Sunday, they blew out Portland State, which had just six more points (43) than turnovers (37). Cal Poly has also been helped by turnover, in the sense that there's been little of it on the roster — the Mustangs have returned 11 letter winners, including four past starters.

Just what exactly is going on here?

In past years, the women paled in comparison to the men. In the spring of 2003, when the men made a run through the Big West Tournament, the women were dead on arrival to the opening round in Anaheim with several players kicked off beforehand for drinking at an off-campus party. The team ended its forgettable 10-17 season with a 76-62 loss to Long Beach State.

Things did improve a lot last season. With a largely rebuilt roster, highlighted by the arrival of true freshman point guard sensation Sparkle Anderson, the Mustangs went 10-8 in Big West play and finished 14-14, their highest overall win total as a Division I team.

Still, a lot of the women's success was overshadowed by the collapse of the men's team. With a deep, talented roster and the success of spring 2003, Cal Poly was picked to finish fourth in the Big West, and some people (like me) figured the Mustangs could make a foray into the NCAA Tournament.

These expectations only heightened after the men stole the season opener at Cal Berkeley 63-62, then beat USC by 15 on the road a few weeks later. However, the Mustangs were then beset by injuries, had trouble getting rebounds and, quite frankly, may have just had too much talent for their own good. They finished 13-18, dying in the second round in Anaheim.

Things aren't any better now. The men are 0-3, without academically ineligible guard Kameron Gray for another week and in a transition period forced by the graduation of Varnie Dennis and Shane Schilling. I could see the team thriving if Nick Enzweiler becomes a consistent perimeter threat and Phil Johnson's return following a medical red shirt improves the Mustangs' post performance.

I have a history of predicting highly improbable things, though.

I did, after all, make a bold newsroom prediction in September that the San Francisco 49ers would win the NFC West (My Niners are currently 1-10; incidentally, my fellow editors bring bread and water twice daily to the rat-infested basement office where I'm now forced to write these columns).

For a change, the women's team is a safer bet to have a good year than the men. It's still early in the season, and the women need scorers (most of the Mustangs have point totals similar to what I think Mike Tyson would manage on the LSAT). Still, I like how this team looks on paper and how it has grown over the past few years.

I can only imagine the happy column that can be written later if this progress continues.

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Forum for an athletic director finalist to be held today

The first finalist has been announced in the ongoing national search for a Cal Poly athletic director

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Activity is brewing in the search for a new athletic director.

The national search has taken a step forward as the first finalist, Steven P. Holton, has been

announced.

An open forum with the candidate will be held today from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Science North Building, Room 215.

Participants will have a chance to get to know the candidate better and to ask him questions.

Holton led intercollegiate athletics programs at Northern Arizona University and Long Beach State. He was selected

among a review of more than 70 applications for the position. on Wednesday, Holton met with athletics boosters and university administrators at a private reception.

"The search committee was encouraged by his interest in Cal Poly and the caliber of his experience," committee chairperson Larry Kelley said in the Cal Poly Report. "We're looking for candi-

dates who are eager to work with the strong leadership we already have in place in our athletics programs, and that's certainly the case with Mr. Holton."

Previously, the search committee comprised of faculty, staff and students put the search on hold over the summer. It was reopened in October.

Alison Cone has been the interim athletic director.

John McCutcheon left San Luis Obispo after 12 years of holding the athletic director position to accept the position at the University of Massachusetts.

He helped to issue in the move from Division II to Division I. His accolades also include orchestrating the move of many sports into the Big West Conference amongst seeing through renovations to Mott Gym.